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Joint Resolution

Designating the week beginning November 15, 1987, as "African American Education Week".

Nov. 17, 1987

[S.J. Res. 174]

Whereas the enrollment of African American students in urban public school districts is expected to increase significantly by 1990, but the number of African American educators available to teach these students is expected to decline;

Whereas a critical shortage of African American educators already exists in the teaching force, and the percentage of African Americans pursuing careers in education has declined significantly in recent years;

Whereas the National Alliance of Black School Educators promotes academic excellence as the cornerstone of achievement and upward mobility for African American students and promotes teaching as a viable career option for African Americans;

Whereas the commitment of the National Alliance of Black School Educators to African American education is consistent with the current movement in the United States to reform education in the public schools; and

Whereas the National Alliance of Black School Educators has initiated and will coordinate a celebration of African American education that will occur during the week of November 15, 1987: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning November 15, 1987, is designated as "African American Education Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon—

(1) the Department of Education, and State and local governments, to support appropriate ceremonies and activities carried out to observe such week;

(2) schools and communities in which African Americans are represented to demonstrate their commitment to the education of African Americans; and

(3) community organizations that share an interest in the education of African Americans to intensify their efforts to support the achievement of academic excellence by African Americans.

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